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TAGS: SHUM, IR

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO DR. SA'EDI

REFERENCE: TEHRAN 0767

1. OFFICER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM TO PUBLISH COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS HAS INFORMED US THAT DR. SA'EDI HAS RECEIVED INVITATION TO VISIT NEW YORK TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF PUBLISHING HIS WORKS. SUBSEQUENTLY, AN IRANIAN IN THE U.S. INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT SA'EDI HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE GOI TO DECLINE THE INVITATION AND THAT HE HAD BEEN DENIED A PASSPORT. A COMMITTEE OFFICIAL ABOUT A WEEK AGO TALKED WITH SA'EDI ON THE PHONE WHO SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION AND WAS PREPARED TO GIVE TO THE GOI WHATEVER GUARANTEES WERE REQUIRED THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO IRAN BUT HE COULD NOT GET A PASSPORT. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. COMMITTEE MEMBERS DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH UN PERMREP HOVEYDA IN NEW YORK BUT LATTER DODGED THE ISSUE BY NOTING THAT SA'EDI WAS ALIVE, WELL, AND ACTIVE ON THE TEHRAN SCEHE. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ATTEMPTING TO GET AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI INVOLVED.

- 3. I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A VERY SENSITIVE AREA FOR US TO INVOLVE OURSELVES BUT I AM CONFIDENT THE COMMITTEE WILL, IF THE IMPASSE CONTINUES, EVENTUALLY GIVE PUBLICITY TO THE MATTER. SO FAR, THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE TO MY SUGGESTIONS AND HAS NOT GIVEN PUBLICITY TO ITS EFFORTS. I EXPECT THAT YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER THOUGHTS YOU HAVE ON THIS MATTER WHICH CAN BE PASSED TO OUR CONTACT ON THE COMMITTEE.
- 4. THIS MESSAGE NEA DISTRIBUTION ONLY. CHRISTOPHER

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